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Delegates of the Ministry of Light Industry, workers, Stakhanovites, activists, and men from related industries participated. The chief of the General Directorate for Leather and Rubber read proposals for improving the quality of rubber goods. At the end of the first day of general conferences, delegates were divided into four specialized groups.

POOR ATTITUDE IN RUBBER FACTORY -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 10 Mar 53

Workers and technicians of the Cauciuc (Rubber) factory in Stalin submitted numerous suggestions and inventions to the technical committee of the factory. However, the technical committee persisted in curbing the initiative of the workers and in refusing to adopt their suggestions for easing the work load. For example, workers built a machine for producing railroad car brake rods. The machine, completed in November 1952, would have increased production to 300 percent above the norm. However, the machine has not been accepted to date. Another invention was a type of fraising machine to replace polishing stones in buffing rollers and rubber collars. This machine would have increased production 30 percent, but was not accepted. Both the enterprise committee and the technical committee are to blame for this lackadaisical attitude.

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